

batting eminence that he reached last season. Again the attack of the team is centered around his powerful bat, and his unfortunate habit of producing wrecked the Sox yesterday, though they would have been beaten by almost any one, the way they were batting. In the first inning Cleveland got its start when Speaker doubled with a man on second. In the sixth inning they started again, Tris doubling again and sending a man home from first.

Speaker is the personification of power at bat and radiates confidence. His faith in his own ability is apparent in every movement and he has earned the title of most-feared swatsman in the American league. Last year the Indians formed a one-man club, Speaker being the man. This season Speaker is as good as he was in 1916, the same driving force to the rest of the club, with the added strength that the remaining units of the team are far superior to last season.

So far the Cubs have won eight games, and of these victories Jim Vaughn is credited with three, against which he has one defeat. He is the most competent pitcher on the club and imbues his mates with confidence, so that they play better ball behind him than any other hurler of the corps. Abetting his good left arm is luck, which frequently carries Vaughn through.

Vaughn is an imperturbable party who does not exert himself when things are going his way. He saves his strength for the tight moments. Yesterday in Cincinnati he yielded 11 hits, but offset this by whiffing 11 men, once fanning a pair with a man on third and one out. He also whiffed two in the ninth with a man on first. With the last game he pitched against Pittsburgh, Vaughn has fanned an even score of batters in 18 innings, which is somewhat near a record. If he continues at anything approaching his present pace he will lead the National pitchers in number

of strikeouts recorded.

The freaks of baseball were never better exemplified than in yesterday's game against the Reds. Fred Merkle, who has been batting sixth, switched with Les Mann, who has been hitting in fourth place, the clean-up notch. That shift was made because since joining the Cubs Merkle has been lamming the pill unmercifully, while Mann has been extremely polite in his assaults on the ball.

But, shifted, there was a different story. Merkle went hitless and Mann poled a triple and two singles, being the most important cog in the Cub attack.

Rollie Zeider, though a failure last season at shortstop, has been playing a remarkable defensive game since Chuck Wortsman was hurt. Somewhere last winter Rollie regained his lost youth, and not for three years has he played in April the same fast ball that he has shown this month. He is as valuable as any utility man in the National league.

With two on Schang knocked a homer in the ninth, Macks downing Yanks. Meluniss made four hits in four times at bat. Noyes pitched fine ball to puzzle New York.

Ruth won his fourth straight for Red Sox. Ayers forced in winning run.

Buck Herzog hurt his spine and will be out of the Giant line-up for a few days. Kilduff took his place at second and whacked a single and homer, good for three runs off Alexander. Burns hit two singles, a double and triple.

Frank Schulte hit three safeties, helping Pirates beat Cards.

Thirty-two players were employed in a Braves-Brooklyn tie. Each side used three pitchers and Stallings tried four center fielders.

Northwestern defeated Univ. of Chicago, 6 to 3, in a game halted in the eighth inning by rain. The Maroon outfielders couldn't judge fly balls.